

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHARLESTON DIVISION**

Nautilus Insurance Company,

C/A No.: 2:22-cv-1307-RMG

Plaintiff,

v.

STATUS REPORT

Richard Alexander Murdaugh, Sr.; Cory Fleming, Moss & Kuhn, P.A.; Chad Westendorf; and Palmetto State Bank,

Defendants.

Defendant Richard Alexander Murdaugh, Sr., through his undersigned attorneys, hereby provides a status report pursuant to the Court's order dated January 13, 2023. (ECF No. 99.) On March 3, 2023, Defendant's murder trial concluded when he was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences. Defendant was thereafter incarcerated at Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center pending assignment to a prison. At the end of last week, Defendant was assigned to a Restrictive Housing Unit within the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDOC), at a prison that cannot be publicly identified, because he has been identified as requiring Statewide Protective Custody. Details of the SCDOC Statewide Protective Custody policy are available at <https://www.doc.sc.gov/policy/OP-22-23.htm.pdf>.

The stay of this matter expired today. (See ECF No. 99 at 2.) Mr. Murdaugh intends to participate fully in this litigation to the extent his carceral circumstances permit. His very recent assignment to a special Restrictive Housing Unit, however, creates logistical complications delaying his ability to do so. He therefore asks that he be given until May 1, 2023, to file an answer to the amended complaint. Mr. Murdaugh does not ask that the stay of this matter be extended for that period. He has no documents to produce and no ability to participate in testimonial discovery

in the next thirty days, so allowing other parties to proceed with the litigation while also allowing Mr. Murdaugh until May 1, 2023, to file an answer would not further delay this action or create any additional prejudice for any party.

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